

The LePoint Cassibry Smith Newsletter

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- John Hailman is Guest Speaker at Luncheon With Books
- Freegal® Music Service—Free Music Downloads and Streaming
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Bolivar County Library System

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Director's Corner—Thank You, Friends of the Library!

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System outdid themselves with this year's Grape Expectations Benefit Gala, and I would like to extend a very heartfelt "Thank You" to the Friends for all of their hard work on behalf of our libraries in Bolivar County. Planning and hosting an event like this is a huge undertaking, and the Friends receive help from many individuals and businesses in our community. Thank you to all of those listed below for your help and support.

The proceeds from this year's Gala will go toward the improvement of the teen area at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library. Providing library services to young adults in middle and high school is a fundamental service



Grape Expectations Benefit Gala—to see more photos go to our Facebook page.



and one that we take very seriously. We seek to empower young adults' self-discovery and development through creative programming and positive reading experiences. Improvements to the teen space will be designed for young adults to study and chat freely without irritating other library users.



We're so grateful to the Friends and to the entire community for helping us grow our services for young adults. Thank you.

Grape Expectations Gala—Those Who Helped Make It a Success!

The Friends of the Bolivar County Library System and BCLS gratefully thank those who generously helped with the Gala:

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We're the... Librarians!



Melanie has been employed at BCLS the longest!

We're introducing a new column that highlights a library system staff member each month. This month we begin with Melanie Free, who is the longest employed staff member at BCLS.

Unemployed due to the closure of the company she worked for, it was a kind word from a former interviewer that brought Melanie Free to the library system.

Seemingly out of the blue, the former library director Ronnie Wise contacted Melanie in August 1998 and offered her a job. For over a year, Melanie wondered how he even knew she had been looking for a job. A year later Melanie finally

found out that an interviewer from a previous job interview recommended her to her sister, library employee Lydia Brinkley, and it was Lydia who told Mr. Wise about Melanie.

Melanie first worked with Lydia in Special Services preparing books for circulation. Later, she was promoted to Circulation Manager, which she found a little overwhelming. Advice from her trainer Sara McGovern put things in perspective, "Nothing you do at this desk is life or death. Any mistake can be fixed. Don't worry."

With the arrival of the computer age, Melanie was made the Automation Coordinator and put in charge

of placing barcodes on all items in the library. When the job was completed, Mr. Wise informed her, "I want you to learn how to fix computers," and as Systems Administrator, she's been keeping the computers and network up and running throughout the county ever since.

"I've worn many hats here and I even worked nights and weekends for a short time as janitor. I love my job, my co-workers (past and present), and our patrons all over the county," Melanie confides. "The world of technology is constantly changing, and I learn something new every day."

*"Without libraries
what have we? We
have no past and no
future."*

~Ray Bradbury~

Grape Expectations I

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Last, but not least, thank you to everyone who donated wine for the Wine Pull and anyone else who isn't listed above (we're so sorry for any omissions), but also helped with the Gala.

The Heart of Black History

Presenting Special Guest


Jimmie R. McKnight

Author of *It's Not Easy Being Me*

February 25, 2016 @ 4:00 p.m.

at
Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library (Cleveland)

Interested in performing in the program? Please contact Bobbie Matheny by February 11th at 843-2774 x104.

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Join us February 25th at 4 p.m. for The Heart of Black History program at Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. Open to the public and free admission.

Freegal® Music Service is Now Available



As we shared last month, BCLS is pleased to offer Freegal® Free Music Service. Wondering what types of music are available? Well, here is what library staff has downloaded recently:

Megan: *Hello* by Adele, *Smoke Break* by Carrie Underwood, and *I Will Wait* by Mumford & Sons.

Bethany: *I'm Coming Over* by Chris Young.

Sharon: *How Sweet It Is* by James Taylor, *Calypso* by Suzanne Vega, *Sundown* by Gordon Lightfoot, *Judy*

Blue Eyes by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young, and *For What It's Worth* by Buffalo Springfield.

Jennifer: *Fame* by David Bowie, *The New Love Song* by the Avett Brothers, *Talking in Code* by Margot & the Nuclear So and So's, *Hello* by Adele, and *Alive* by Pearl Jam.

Tamara: *Tainted Love* by Soft Cell, *Willie, Waylon & Me* by David Allan Coe, *Bangarang* by Skrillex & Sirah, *Lost Highway* by Hank Williams, and *Drag Me Down* by One Direction.

Having any difficulties or have questions, please contact Tamara Blackwell at 662.843.2774 ext. 104 or stop by Robinson-Carpenter with your device.

Calendar

February 19th, 26th & March 4th, 11th—**Preschool Story Hour** at 10 a.m. at Robinson-Carpenter

February 25th—**Heart of Black History Month** at 4 p.m.—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

March 10th—**Luncheon With Books Featuring John Hailman** at 12 Noon—Open to the Public at Robinson-Carpenter

March 16th—**Cleveland Library Commission Meeting** @ 10 a.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland

March 16th—**Board of Trustees Meeting** @ 1:30 p.m.—Open to the Public in Cleveland



"Where else but at a
library can a
person with no money
in their pockets
walk into a place of
quiet and peace, and
walk out with
something beautiful
and borrowed?"
~Don C. Reed~

Luncheon With Books Featuring John Hailman



We're pleased to have John Hailman as guest speaker at the Friends of the Library's Luncheon With Books program in March.

Mr. Hailman will talk about his new book *Return to Guntown: Classic Trials of the Outlaws and Rogues of Faulkner County*, which is a follow-up to his award winning *From Midnight to*

Guntown: True Crime Stories from a Federal Prosecutor in Mississippi.

Mr. Hailman was a prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's office in Oxford for 33 years and served as Legal Counsel to the late U.S. Senator John Stennis.

If you want to purchase a book for the book signing, contact Cotton Row Books at 843-7083 by March 2nd to pre-order and your book(s) will be available to pick-up

at the program. If you can't attend, the bookstore will have your book(s) signed and ready for you to pick up at Cotton Row Books after the program.

So bring your lunch and join us for this exciting program on March 10th at 12 noon at the Robinson-Carpenter Memorial Library in Cleveland. As always, admission is free and soft drinks will be provided.

Free or Bargain Price eBooks Are Easy to Find

Looking for free and/or bargain price eBooks? Here are some great places to look. Some deals offered may only be available for a short time, so confirm the price before completing any transaction.

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Some Bolivar County History...



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"PRENTISS by Annie Lenoir Cassity (Continued From Last Month)

[The story takes up with Miss Cassity describing how she and her brother Haught were sent home by their Aunt, Mrs. Montgomery, who lived in Natchez, which was flooded. Mrs. Montgomery put them on a boat in the care of "a dear old couple who were going to St. Louis."]

Of course, there was no way to let anyone know we were coming. When we landed at Prentiss there was nothing but a little one-room cabin in the woods and not a soul in sight. I wondered how we were going to get anywhere. Haught said we would have to walk. We could not stay there, and there was no land in sight except the levee, but after a while a Negro man came by in a skiff and Haught got him to take us to the Clark place. He would not take us any further. When he put us out on the levee there, it was dark, and there was still no one in sight. Haught said we would have to walk to Aunt Matilda's, about two miles up the levee, so we started out, and after walking part of the way, we met Floyd Hicks, our cousin, riding down the levee. He put us both on his horse, and we went on our way, rejoicing over our good fortune.

Whether Prentiss is still the landing or not, I do not know, but this I do know, that where the little village stood there are now immense forest trees; they, with their beautiful foliage and clinging vines and bushes, have covered and blotted out the ruins of the once thriving little village—Prentiss."

Excerpt from *History of Bolivar County, Mississippi* by Florence Warfield Sillers, et al (Spartanburg: SC: 1976 [1948])

Check back next month when we will learn about Riverton.

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Further Notice

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Notice

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Hours M & W 10—5, F 12—5



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